GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:580
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2007
GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Railways from the Government of Gujarat for conversion of certain lines to broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details and action taken by the Railways thereon; and

(c) the present status of the Surendranagar-Dharangadhra, Mahesana-Patan, Ahmedabad-Botad railway lines ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 580 BY SHRI BHUPENDRASINH SOLANKI AND SHRI MAHESH KANODIA ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.08.2007 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT.

(a) to (c): As per available records, Government of Gujarat had requested for gauge conversion of metre gauge/narrow gauge line falling partly in the state of Gujarat. Details of ongoing projects/ new proposals for gauge conversion falling fully/partly in the state of Gujarat and action taken thereon is as under:-

Ongoing Projects

S.No	Projects	Status
1	Bhildi-Samdari	This work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. Earth work and bridge works have been taken up. This work is planned for completion during 2008-09.
2	Bharcuh-Samni-Dahej	This work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. Special Purpose Vehicle named Bharuch-Dahej Railway Company Limited has been formed and shareholders agreement has also been signed. The process of award of contract will start after signing of the Concession Agreement.
3	Mehsana-Patan	Work on Viramgam-Mahesana has been completed. Mahesana-Patan is targeted for completion during 2007-08.
4	Surendranagar-Dhrangadhra	Work on Surendranagar-Dhrangadhra section has been taken up and targeted for completion during 2007-08.

Proposals

1	Ahmedabad-Botad	Survey completed. Necessary action has been initiated to obtain requisite clearances.
2	Dhasa-Jetalsar	
3	Ahmedabad-Udaipur	
4	Dhasa-Veraval	Survey has not been taken up on this route Dhasa- Khijadiya-

Veraval